

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

1. (original) An apparatus for producing packs (10) with a blank (11) wrapping an article which is to be packaged, in particular a cuboidal cigarette pack with an outer wrapper made of film, it being possible for the blank (11) to be folded around the article and for peripheral folding tabs (27, 28) to be folded into a transversely directed position by a fixed-location, movable folding element, characterized in that the folding element can be moved relative to the article while carrying along part of the blank (11) in the direction of a free periphery or of the peripheral folding tab (27), with the blank (11) being pressed against a surface or wall of the article.

2. (original) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the folding element, which moves in rotation, can be rolled along the surface of the article or of the pack (10), with the blank (11) being pressed against the same and tensioned in the process.

3. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the folding element is designed as a rotating folding roller (34) which, with linear or strip-like abutment against the surface of the article or of the pack (10), smoothes and tensions the blank (11) during a continuous rolling movement and presses it against the article or against the surface of a pack (10).

4. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 3 ~~or one of the further claims~~, characterized in that the folding roller (34) is mounted at a fixed location and the articles or packs (10) with blank (11) can be moved past the folding roller (38), in particular by a continuously rotating folding turret (13), the conveying direction of the articles or packs (10) and the direction of rotation of the folding roller (34) coinciding in the region where they butt against one another.

5. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 3 ~~or one of the further claims~~, characterized in that the folding roller (34) has a plurality of lateral portions (35) which follow one after the other along the circumference, each for executing a folding and rolling cycle on an article or on a pack (10), each lateral portion (35) having a sub-portion of which the curved surface, which rolls by way of a radial convexity (49), butts against the article or the pack (10) over the entire width of the same.

6. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 3 ~~or one of the further claims~~, characterized in that the folding element, namely the folding roller (34), has additional folding tools, in particular radially directed crosspieces (36) which each adjoin a lateral portion (35) and cause a facing folding tab- inner tab (27) - to be folded over on to a transversely or radially directed side wall (22) of the pack (10) or of a folding mandrel (17), the folding crosspieces (36) each adjoining a rolling region of the folding roller (34) or of the lateral portion (35) with an arcuate contour, a rounded chamfer (37) being formed in the process.

7. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 6 ~~or one of the further claims~~, characterized in that the folding crosspieces (36) of the folding roller (34) interact with folding elements which are fitted radially on the inside of the folding turret (13), namely folding levers (38) which have a supporting leg (40) for folding a radially inner outer tab (28), the folding movements of the folding levers (38) and of the folding crosspieces (36) being coordinated with one another such that the folding crosspiece (36) is moved out of the region of action of the supporting lug (40) when the latter, for the purpose of completing a flexible-tube fold of the inner tab (27) and outer tab (28), overlaps the two tabs (27, 28).

8. (new) An apparatus for producing packs (10) with a blank (11) wrapping a cuboidal cigarette pack with an outer wrapper made of film, in which the blank (11) is folded around the pack and peripheral folding tabs (27, 28) are folded into a transversely directed position by a fixed-location, movable folding element, characterized in that the folding element is moved relative to the article while carrying along part of the blank (11) in the direction of a free periphery or of the peripheral folding tab (27), with the blank (11) being pressed against a surface of the pack (10).

9. (new) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 8, characterized in that the folding element, which moves in rotation, is rolled along the surface of the pack (10), with the blank (11) being pressed against the same and tensioned in the process.

10. (new) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 9, characterized in that the folding element is designed as a rotating folding roller (34) with linear or strip-like abutment that contacts the surface of the pack (10) so as to smooth and tension the blank (11) during a continuous rolling movement and press the blank (11) against the surface of the pack (10).

11. (new) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 10, characterized in that the folding roller (34) is mounted at a fixed location and the packs (10) with blank (11) can be moved past the folding roller (38) by a continuously rotating folding turret (13), the conveying direction of the packs (10) and the direction of rotation of the folding roller (34) coinciding in the region where they butt against one another.

12. (new) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 10, characterized in that the folding roller (34) has a plurality of lateral portions (35) which follow one after the other along the circumference, each for executing a folding and rolling cycle on the pack (10), each lateral portion (35) having a sub-portion of which the curved surface, which rolls by way of a radial convexity (49), butts against the pack (10) over the entire width of the same.

13. (new) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 10, characterized in that folding roller (34) has additional folding tools in the form of radially directed crosspieces (36) which each adjoin a lateral portion (35) and cause folding tab (27) to be folded over on to a transversely or radially directed side wall (22) of the pack (10) or of a folding mandrel (17), the folding crosspieces (36) each adjoining a rolling region of the folding roller (34) or of the lateral portion (35) with an arcuate contour, so as to form a rounded chamfer (37).

14. (new) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, characterized in that the folding crosspieces (36) of the folding roller (34) interact with folding levers (38) which are fitted radially on the inside of the folding turret (13), wherein folding levers (38) have a supporting leg (40) for folding a radially inner outer tab (28), the folding movements of the folding levers (38) and of the folding crosspieces (36) being coordinated with one another such that the folding crosspiece (36) is moved out of the region of action of the supporting lug (40) when the latter, for the purpose of completing a flexible-tube fold of the inner tab (27) and outer tab (28), overlaps the two tabs (27, 28).